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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Case No. 12cr1376-W  
10 Plaintiff, )  
11 v. ) Motion for Discovery and for  
12 EUGENIO Velazquez, ) Leave to File Further Motions  
13 Defendant. )

I.

## **Introduction and Statement of Facts**

16 Mr. Velazquez is charged with importation of cocaine, 21 U.S.C. §§ 952 and 960. He files the  
17 instant motion to compel the production of discovery.

II.

## **Motion to Compel Discovery/Preserve Evidence**

This request is not limited to those items that the prosecutor knows of, but rather includes all discovery listed below that is in the custody, control, care, or knowledge of any "closely related investigative [or other] agencies" under United States v. Bryan, 868 F.2d 1032 (9th Cir. 1989), and discovery of which the government attorney may become aware through the exercise of due diligence:

24 (1) The Defendants Statements. Mr. Velazquez requests disclosure of all copies of any written or  
25 recorded statement made by him or any codefendants; any written record containing the substance of any  
26 oral statements made by him or any codefendant and any written summaries of his or any codefendant's  
27 oral statements contained in the handwritten or rough notes of the government agent; any response to any  
28 Miranda warnings which may have been given by him or any codefendant; any response by any defendant

1 to interrogation; as well as any other statements by the defendants. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(A).

2       (2) Arrest Reports, Notes and Dispatch Tapes. Mr. Velazquez also specifically requests the  
 3 government turn over all arrest reports, notes, dispatch or any other tapes, and TECS records that relate to  
 4 the circumstances surrounding his arrest or any questioning. This request includes, but is not limited to,  
 5 any rough notes, records, reports, transcripts or other documents which contain statements of the  
 6 defendant or any other discoverable material. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(A); Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S.  
 7 83 (1963). The government must produce arrest reports, investigator's notes, memos from arresting  
 8 officers, dispatch tapes, sworn statements, and prosecution reports pertaining to the defendant. Fed. R.  
 9 Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B) and (C); Fed. R. Crim. P. 26.2 and 12(I).

10       (3) Criminal Record Evidence of a defendant's criminal record is available under Fed. R. Crim. P.  
 11 16(a)(1)(B). Evidence of other "similar" acts is discoverable under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B) and Fed.  
 12 R. Evid. 404(b) and 609; Mr. Velazquez requests all rap sheets and any other evidence discoverable  
 13 under these rules. Mr. Velazquez requests all evidence, documents, records of judgments and convictions,  
 14 photographs and tangible evidence, and information pertaining to any arrests and convictions or bad acts  
 15 he has suffered or known of by the government. He makes an identical request for all pertinent records of  
 16 all co-defendants, former co-defendants and government witnesses including informants.

17       (4) Evidence Seized. Mr. Velazquez requests production of evidence seized as a result of any  
 18 search, either with or without a warrant. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C).

19       (5) Tangible Objects. Mr. Velazquez requests the opportunity to inspect and copy as well as test,  
 20 if necessary, all documents and tangible objects, including photographs, books, papers, documents,  
 21 alleged narcotics or narcotics related items, fingerprint analyses, vehicles, or copies of portions thereof,  
 22 which are material to the defense or intended for use in the government's case-in-chief or were obtained  
 23 from or belong to the defendant. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C).

24       (6) Request for Preservation of Evidence. Mr. Velazquez specifically requests the preservation of  
 25 all dispatch recordings, inter-officer radio communication recordings, agents' rough notes, any documents,  
 26 and any other physical evidence that may be destroyed, lost, or otherwise put out of the possession,  
 27 custody, or care of the government and which relate to the arrest or the events leading to the arrest in this  
 28 case. This request includes, but is not limited to seized weapons, alleged contraband (*see § II(5), supra*)

1 and vehicles, the results of any fingerprint analysis, Mr. Velazquez's personal effects, and any evidence  
 2 seized from the defendant or any other party.

3       (7) Reports Of Examinations And Tests. Mr. Velazquez requests the opportunity to inspect and  
 4 copy any reports of physical and mental examinations and any scientific tests which are material to the  
 5 preparation of the defense or intended for use in the government's case-in-chief. Fed. R. Crim. P.  
 6 16(a)(1)(D).

7       (8) Expert Witnesses. Mr. Velazquez requests the name, qualifications, and a written summary  
 8 of the opinion/testimony and bases thereon of any person that the government intends to call as an expert  
 9 witness. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(E).

10       (9) Brady Material. Mr. Velazquez requests all documents, statements, agents' reports, and  
 11 tangible evidence favorable to the defendant on the issue of guilt, which affects the credibility of the  
 12 government's case, or which may result in a lower sentence under the United States Sentencing  
 13 Guidelines. Under Brady, impeachment as well as exculpatory evidence falls within the definition of  
 14 evidence favorable to the accused. United States v. Bagley, 473 U.S. 667 (1985); United States v. Agurs,  
 15 427 U.S. 97 (1976). Mr. Velazquez specifically requests all favorable Brady/Giglio material that is  
 16 admissible or likely to lead to admissible evidence. United States v. Price, 566 F.3d (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009).

17       (10) Giglio Information. Mr. Velazquez requests all statements and/or promises, express or  
 18 implied, made to any government witnesses in exchange for their testimony in this case, and all other  
 19 information which could arguably be used for the impeachment of any government witnesses. Giglio v.  
 20 United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972); accord Price, supra, 566 F.3d 900 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009).

21       (11) Informants and Cooperating Witnesses. Mr. Velazquez requests disclosure of the name(s),  
 22 address(es), criminal record and location(s) of all informants or cooperating witnesses used or potentially  
 23 to be used in this case, and in particular, disclosure of any informant who was a percipient witness in this  
 24 case or otherwise participated in the crime charged. Roviaro v. United States, 353 U.S. 52, 61-62 (1957).  
 25 The government must disclose any information derived from informants which exculpates or tends to  
 26 exculpate the defendant. Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). The government must disclose any  
 27 information indicating bias on the part of any informant or cooperating witness. Id. Mr. Velazquez also  
 28 requests that the government disgorge any information in its possession regarding other parties culpable in

1 this matter as these individuals are highly relevant and material to Mr. Velazquez's defense.

2       (12) Jencks Act Material. Mr. Velazquez requests production in advance of trial of all material,  
3 including dispatch tapes, which the government must produce pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3500. Advance  
4 production will avoid the possibility of delay at the request of defendant to investigate the Jencks material.  
5 A verbal acknowledgment that "rough" notes constitute an accurate account of the witness' interview is  
6 sufficient for the report or notes to qualify as a statement under §3500(e)(1). Campbell v. United States,  
7 373 U.S. 487, 490-92 (1963). In United States v. Boshell, 952 F.2d 1101 (9th Cir. 1991), the Ninth  
8 Circuit held that when an agent goes over interview notes with the subject of the interview the notes are  
9 then subject to the Jencks Act.

10       (13) Any Potential 404(b)/609 Evidence. Mr. Velazquez requests prior notice of any other crimes  
11 or bad acts that the government intends to introduce, whether in its case in chief, for impeachment or  
12 rebuttal. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C); Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) and 609(b). Mr. Velazquez requests such  
13 notice well before trial in order to give the defense time to investigate and prepare for trial.

14       (14) Any Information That May Result In A Lower Sentence Under The Guidelines As discussed  
15 above, this information is discoverable under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83(1963). This request  
16 includes any cooperation or attempted cooperation by the defendant, as well as any information that could  
17 affect any base offense level or specific offense characteristic under Chapter Two of the Guidelines. Also  
18 included in this request is any information relevant to a Chapter Three adjustment, a determination of the  
19 defendant's criminal history, or any other application of the Guidelines. Additionally, Mr. Velazquez  
20 specifically requests any evidence the government intends to use at sentencing to establish his status as a  
21 career offender or for any other enhancement to his sentence;

22       (15) Evidence of Bias or Motive to Lie Mr. Velazquez requests any evidence that any prospective  
23 government witness, including a cooperating defendant, is biased or prejudiced against the defendant, or  
24 has a motive to falsify or distort his or her testimony. Pennsylvania v. Ritchie, 480 U.S. 39 (1987); United  
25 States v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197 (9th Cir. 1988);

26       (16) Impeachment evidence Mr. Velazquez requests any evidence that any prospective  
27 government witness has engaged in any criminal act whether or not resulting in a conviction and whether  
28 any witness has made a statement favorable to the defendant. See Fed. R. Evid. 608, 609 and 613. Such

1 evidence is discoverable under Brady v. Maryland, supra. See United States v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197(9th  
 2 Cir. 1988)(witness' prior record); Thomas v. United States, 343 F.2d 49 (9th Cir. 1965)(evidence that  
 3 detracts from a witness' credibility);

4       (17) Evidence of Criminal Investigation of Any Government Witness Mr. Velazquez requests any  
 5 evidence that any prospective witness is under investigation by federal, state or local authorities for any  
 6 criminal conduct. United States v. Chitty, 760 F.2d 425 (2d Cir.) cert. denied, 474 U.S. 945 (1985);

7       (18) Evidence Affecting Perception, Recollection, Ability to Communicate, or Truth Telling Mr.  
 8 Velazquez requests any evidence, including any medical or psychiatric report or evaluation, tending to  
 9 show that any prospective witness's ability to perceive, remember, communicate, or tell the truth is  
 10 impaired; and any evidence that a witness has ever used narcotics or other controlled substance, or has  
 11 ever been an alcoholic. United States v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197 (9th Cir. 1988); Chavis v. North Carolina,  
 12 637 F.2d 213, 224 (4th Cir. 1980);

13       (19) Witness Addresses Mr. Velazquez requests the name and last known address of each  
 14 prospective government witness. See United States v. Napue, 834 F.2d 1311 (7th Cir. 1987); United  
15 States v. Tucker, 716 F.2d 576 (9th Cir. 1983) (failure to interview government witnesses by counsel is  
 16 ineffective assistance); United States v. Cook, 608 F.2d 1175, 1181 (9th Cir. 1979) (defense has equal  
 17 right to talk to witnesses). The defendant also requests the name and last known address of every witness  
 18 to the crime or crimes charged (or any of the overt acts committed in furtherance thereof) who will not be  
 19 called as a government witness. United States v. Cadet, 727 F.2d, 1453 (9th Cir. 1984);

20       (20) Name of Witnesses Favorable to the Defendant Mr. Velazquez requests the name of any  
 21 witness who made an arguably favorable statement concerning the defendant or who could not identify  
 22 him or who was unsure of his identity, or participation in the crime charged. Jackson v. Wainwright, 390  
23 F.2d 288 (5th Cir. 1968); Chavis v. North Carolina, 637 F.2d 213, 223 (4th Cir. 1980); Jones v. Jago, 575  
24 F.2d 1164, 1168 (6th Cir.), cert. denied, 439 U.S. 883 (1978); Hudson v. Blackburn, 601 F.2d 785 (5th  
 25 Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 444 U.S. 1086 (1980);

26       (21) Statements Relevant to the Defense Mr. Velazquez requests disclosure of any statement that  
 27 may be "relevant to any possible defense or contention" that whe might assert. United States v. Bailleaux,  
 28 685 F.2d 1105 (9th Cir. 1982);

1 (22) Personnel Records of Government Officers Involved in the Arrest Mr. Velazquez requests  
2 all citizen complaints and other related internal affairs documents involving any of the immigration  
3 officers or other law enforcement officers who were involved in the investigation, arrest and interrogation  
4 of him, pursuant to Pitchess v. Superior Court, 11 Cal. 3d 531, 539 (1974). Because of the sensitive  
5 nature of such Henthorn documents, defense counsel will not be able to procure them from any other  
6 source;

(23) Prosecutor's Duty to Inspect Agent's Files Mr. Velazquez requests that the court order the prosecutor to personally review the personnel files of the agents involved.

9           (24) Release of Evidence for Defense Testing. Mr. Velazquez requests that the government  
10 release to his designated expert all items seized so that the defense may conduct independent testing of the  
11 items.

12                   (25) Subpoena, Intercept and Warrant Information and Evidence. Mr. Velazquez requests a copy  
13 of all electronic interception orders, search warrants and subpoenas (whether state or federal, whether  
14 written or telephonic, and including recordings or transcripts of telephonic applications), and related  
15 applications for electronic interception, subpoenas and warrants, their affidavits, attachments, and  
16 inventories related to this case. He also requests copies of all documents provided to or seized by the  
17 government pursuant to such court-authorized orders. He requests copies of all recordings made by the  
18 government made pursuant to warrant or order as well as line-sheets and any other documentation of such  
19 recordings.

(26) Residual Discovery/All Other Relevant Materials Mr. Velazquez intends for this motion to cover the full extent of discoverable material. He therefore requests that the government be required to disgorge all other discoverable material which he otherwise has failed to request.

III.

## **Mr. Velazquez Seeks Leave to File Further Motions**

25       Upon review of the discovery, Mr. Velazquez requests an opportunity to file further, substantive  
26 motions.

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3                   **IV.**

4                   **Conclusion**

5                   For the reasons stated above, the defendant, Mr. Velazquez respectfully requests that this Court  
6 grant the above-requested motions.

7                   Respectfully submitted,

8                   /s Jeremy D. Warren

9 Dated: May 9, 2012

10                   JEREMY D. WARREN  
11                   Attorney for Defendant Mr. Velazquez

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## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I declare that:

I am a citizen of the United States and employed in the city of San Diego, CA. I am over eighteen years of age. My business address is 105 West F Street, Fourth Floor San Diego, CA 92101.

On May 9, 2012, I personally served the following documents:

**Notice of Motion and Motion for Discovery and for Leave to File Further Motions**

on the below attorneys by electronic filing:

Assistant United States Attorney Melissa Meister.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on May 9, 2012 at San Diego, CA.

/s Jeremy Warren

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Jeremy D. Warren